



Mumps Invade Colleges

By KATY BURNELL
Assistant News Editor

Outbreaks of mumps at the two largest state schools in Virginia put the University of Mary Washington community on high alert.

All nine individuals at UVA and one student at Virginia Tech, who have contracted the highly contagious disease are currently being quarantined in compliance with guidelines issued this June to all U.S. residential colleges and universities by the Centers for Disease Prevention and Control.

The CDC published a strategy for protecting college students from the mumps in response to an outbreak that began among college-aged students in Iowa last December, and spread to 11 other states before settling down in May.

Speaking on behalf of the UMW health center, Director of Women's Health Services L. Timms Ross urged students not to be alarmed by recent outbreaks at VT and UVA.

"It's somewhat concerning, but do I expect a lot of really ill people with mumps spreading like wildfire through the campus? No," Ross said.

UMW faculty, staff, and students all received e-mail advisories last week from Student Life urging them to exercise caution when interacting with members of other campus communities.

The onset of Mumps feels like a generic cold or flu, with typical symptoms ranging from mild fever, headaches, and sore glands around the throat and jaw, according to the Centers for Disease Control Web site.

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Ruck You:

Despite the gloomy weather, the UMW Men's Rugby team dug deep and fought hard in the Homecoming game against the University of Richmond on Saturday afternoon. The team played a competitive game, ending with a final score of 24-10 in favor of Richmond.



Photo Courtesy of Katy March

UMW Ranked Among Fittest Schools

By ELIZABETH CONWAY
Staff Writer

The University of Mary Washington came out ranked the 24th fittest school out of 25 schools listed in the November issue of *Men's Fitness*. With the help of *The Princeton Review*, *Men's Fitness* surveyed 115 colleges and Universities for the publication's second annual "Fit List" poll.

Men's Fitness polled 12,500 students from around the country about their ability to balance academia along with fitness and wellness. The magazine defined "wellness" as the amount of physical activity students performed each week, their activities outside of studying, eating habits, and even alcohol consumption habits.

They also looked at the school itself for what foods are offered in campus dining halls, the athletic facilities, as well as how many

trainers and health experts are available to students.

"I was pleasantly surprised when I learned about the survey because I know it was about more than just fitness," said Robert Liebau, the associate director of campus recreation and Fitness Center.

"They looked at what information is available on campus like foods, exercise choices; atmosphere of wellness goes into consideration for these schools. It wasn't just the fitness center but campus reaction. It was about activity opportunities for students."

Dickinson College in Pennsylvania came in first place in the survey and *Men's Fitness* used Dickinson's men's lacrosse team as the focus for their article. Other schools named included the University of Virginia, Roanoke College and Boston College in addition to many others.

Junior Amy Lawson-Stomps shares Liebau's excitement about the survey.

"I'm glad such a positive press has been brought to Mary Wash, it's especially nice since *Men's Fitness* is such a prominent magazine," Lawson-Stomps said.

Though Mary Washington was glad to hear of the positive news, some were skeptical as to how the information was collected and interpreted.

Athletic Director Edward Hegmann is very pleased about the positive light brought to Mary Washington's wellness by *Men's Fitness*, he is skeptical about the means by which the schools were surveyed.

"I have never seen a physical fitness measure shown in a survey," Hegmann said. "I was surprised that it didn't have a performance physical fitness measure involved."

Sophomore baseball player Andrew Cox agrees with Hegman

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'05 Grad Revealed As Incest Offender

By KATIE MOLINARO
Assistant Features Editor

In mid-September a recent University of Mary Washington graduate convicted of incest lost his case to keep his name off of Virginia's sex offender registry.

The man, who went to court under the name John Doe, plead guilty to misdemeanor incest in 1994 when he was 18 years old and was released from his probation requirement March 1995. His conviction followed a seven year sexual relationship with his sister, who is four years younger.

According to court records, the relationship, which included intercourse, began when Doe's sister was in second grade. Because of changes

in Virginia sex offender laws in July, non-violent sex offenders are now required to register with the online sex offender list, which is maintained by the state police and available to the public online. In addition to their name, offenders must post a photograph of themselves as well as their home address and occupation.

The state police said in a press release that the new law to include non-violent sex offenders will expand the sex offender list to include nearly 13,000 individuals.

In court papers, Doe's attorney Melinda VanLowe argued that registering would reveal her client's identity. She said that there was no reason so many years later to damage his

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Poole Assumes Role As New BOV Rector

By KAITLYN BARKER
Staff Writer

as the new rector for the Board of Visitors this past summer.



Many new faces have joined the University community this fall, and they're not just freshmen. With the installation of President William Frawley, a slew of new hires have swept UMW as the administration continues its extensive reorganization. The Board of Visitors is one organization that boasts a number of new members, including a new rector.

J. William Poole, 72, was appointed by Governor Tim Kaine to replace Mona Albertine

The twelve-member Board of Visitors serves as the governing and policy-making body for the University, and the rector presides over the BOV. The rector, vice rector, and the executive committee of the board are nominated and elected by the Board of Visitors for a one-year term, with reelection possible. The University's faculty, the Alumni Association, and community groups also contribute nominations.

According to Poole, who has

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5 Day Forecast



TODAY
Mostly Cloudy

High: 79
Low: 65



FRIDAY
Showers

High: 70
Low: 43



SATURDAY
Sunny

High: 65
Low: 42



SUNDAY
Partly Cloudy

High: 69
Low: 48



MONDAY
Showers

High: 62
Low: 38

Verbatim ...

A representative of Sub Pop came knocking at my door carrying Kurt Cobain's corpse.

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News Shorts

NATION

New York, NY: New York Yankees pitcher Cory Lidle died Wednesday when the small plane he was flying crashed into a high-rise apartment complex downtown Manhattan. Lidle's flight instructor was also killed in the crash, and the FAA reported a mayday call regarding the plane's fuel.

—cm.com

Washington: President Bush today called for North Korea to put a stop to its nuclear program and prevent exports of nuclear or missile technology. Bush said that he is "committed to diplomacy" with North Korea, but that he also "reserves all options to defend our friends and our interests in the regions from North Korea."

—cm.com

Bar Harbor, Maine: The College of the Atlantic, a small undergraduate school of 300 students, has vowed to offset all of its polluting emissions, making it the first college in the country to end its negative impact on the environment and global warming. The school is still in the process of calculating the amount of greenhouse gases it puts into the atmosphere each year.

—nytimes.com

WORLD

Berlin: A case in Germany has convicted a man who sold anti-Fascist and Nazi items such as tee-shirts, books and buttons. There has been a law in the country since the end of WWII that bans all selling of items bearing the swastika. The ruling has set off many protests, including a non-violent group displaying a large banner with a crossed-out swastika. Last month, a neo-Nazi political group won a small portion of a local vote for state representatives.

—nytimes.com

Baghdad: A team of Americans and Iraqi epidemiologists has estimated that approximately 655,000 more people have died in Iraq since the coalition invasion in March 2003 than would have had there been no invasion. This estimate is far higher than many other groups, including the Iraqi government, and more than 20 times the amount President Bush approximated in December.

—nytimes.com

United Nations: The country of Sudan has voiced its opposition to a U.N. mission for Darfur. The statement said such a mission would be seen as "a hostile act" and a "prelude to an invasion" of the country. Jean-Marie Guehennec, the head of the U.N. peacekeeping department has said that the United Nations is not equipped to fight a war in the country and cannot send peacekeepers into the country without permission from the authorities.

—nytimes.com

WEIRD

Atlanta, Georgia: A mother of four in the Atlanta suburbs is demanding that the school board remove the Harry Potter books from its schools. Laura Mallory told officials that the novels are an "evil" attempt to indoctrinate children into the Wicca religion. A member of the Board of Education has stated multiple reasons for keeping the books, including that if Harry Potter were removed, all books containing references to witches would have to be as well, including books such as "Cinderella" and "Macbeth."

—AP

Tyler, Texas: A used car salesman was arrested Monday for attacking a customer with a machete. Robert Parker, 73, allegedly was in an argument with a customer when he produced the machete and whacked the man's arm. Police are unsure as to the seriousness of the wound or what the argument was about.

—AP

Duluth, Minn.: A man convicted of importing illegal drugs was sentenced to 10 years in prison, but not before making an apology for another offense. Vandale Amos Willis, 28, apologized for spreading his feces around the courtroom during his trial and asked for probation. The judge told him his recent actions would not be held against him, but that was no reason to remove his sentence.

—AP



Police Beat

By STEPHANIE TAIT
News Editor



Oct. 5—An 18-year-old male resident of Mason Hall reported to police that between 2:50 and 3 p.m. someone stole his gym bag containing his wallet, five dollars, an EagleOne card, cargo shorts and a cell phone, from the boy's locker room in Goolrick Hall. According to police, the student located his belongings the next day.

Oct. 6—A female student reported to police that she saw a black male looking through purses in the girl's locker room in Goolrick Hall. According to police, the male told the student that he was in the wrong locker room. The student provided police with a description

of the individual, but they were unable to locate the suspect.

Oct. 8—At 4 a.m., an 18-year-old male resident of Arrington Hall reported to police that an unknown male entered his room and was verbally assaulting him. According to police, the suspect had broken the plexiglass cover off of the evacuation route sign and was waving it at the victim. Police located an arrested Patrick O'Boyle, an 18-year-old male student, for underage possession of alcohol, public swearing, possession of a false driver's license and verbal assault.

Fear Of Mumps Swells

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Generally, the most unfortunate consequence of contracting Mumps is aesthetic; serious complications from the disease are rare.

"The parotid gland swells and your cheeks will puff up like a chipmunk," Ross said. "It's funny now, looking back at old pictures of people's faces from the '40s and '50s [before the vaccine was introduced]."

Ross identified testicular inflammation as a typical example of complications associated with the disease, but says that these problems are not common.

Students who have kept up with their immunizations should have nothing to worry about.

All confirmed cases of mumps in the latest outbreak have affected students who received the Measles-Mumps-Rubella vaccination as infants, but not all of them received the second round of MMR shots that Ross says is crucial to preventing illness.

"The most important thing for students to do is make sure they've had two doses of the vaccine. As long as they've had their shots, they should be fine," Ross said.

Virginia state health codes require primary school students to receive a second MMR shot between the ages of four and six. The timetable for all immunization requirements can be found online at the Virginia state Department of health Web Site's immunization page.

According to Ross only a handful of UMW

students are at risk for catching mumps due to insufficient vaccination.

UMW student Paul Kartage, who has filed a vaccination waiver for religious purposes, says he is not concerned about the mumps outbreak.

The senior biology major plans to ignore last week's campus-wide health advisory e-mail, and meet up with friends from other Virginia state schools when he returns to Newport News for fall break.

Kartage says the idea of UMW students isolating themselves from other Virginia college students to avoid catching the disease is "ridiculous."

"Not everyone has the mumps," Kartage said. "It's silly to stop your social life because you could maybe get a disease..."

Some Mary Washington students, like Freshman Courtney Chaplin, say it's better to be safe than sorry.

Chaplin, who had originally planned to spend time with friends from the affected schools during fall break, says that news about the recent outbreaks changed her plans.

"I would have no way of knowing if they were infected. All I know is what was in the email the health center sent out; something about the symptoms and death," Chaplin said.

Anyone who needs the second round of MMR shots should contact the health center at X1040 for an appointment. The vaccine costs \$43.00.

Unsure if you've been vaccinated? Contact the Health Center at x1040

Alumnus Charged With Incest To Be Listed As Sex Offender

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privacy and that it could cost him his job.

"Any requirement for Mr. Doe to register as a sex offender now, more than eleven years after his conviction, would not serve the community in the fashion that the legislators intended," VanLowe said in court documents. "Mr. Doe's ability to maintain employment and function in his community would be compromised."

Circuit Court Judge Frank A. Hoss Jr. ruled that Doe had to register, and if he did not register within 72 hours of the decision the court would issue an arrest warrant.

If VanLowe and her client decide to appeal, they have 30 days from the court's Sept. 11 ruling to appeal to the Virginia Supreme Court. VanLowe would not say whether she intended to appeal the court's decision.

As of Oct. 10, the Virginia Supreme Court had no such appeal on record.

VanLowe refused to comment further and would not disclose the identity of her client.

However, the day after the ruling a former University of Mary Washington student registered on the Virginia sex offender registry. That student was James Tramel, a 2005 UMW graduate.

Tramel could not be reached and did not return any messages.

His profile on the state police sex offender registry Web site states that Tramel, who was 29 years old when he graduated from UMW, is a 31-year-old resident of Dale City and was convicted of incest March 13, 1995. Records of that case are not available to the public because it was handled in the Prince William County Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court.

Jill Brown, vice president of human resources at Sport and Health, said that Tramel had been employed as aquatics director at the Woodbridge Sport and Health but no longer works for the company.

She did not give a reason for his leaving or a date when he last worked there. His job included such duties as hiring swim instructors and some pool maintenance. Tramel also coached the Dale City swim team, working with swimmers ages 5 to 18.

No one associated with the case would comment on whether Tramel was the John Doe who challenged the new state law.

In court documents for that case, one reason

Doe said he filed the suit was to protect the identity of his sister, who is now married with two children. His sister wrote a letter to Paul Ebert, the Prince William Commonwealth's attorney, requesting that her brother's name not be placed on the sex offender's registry.

"We have resolved our issues and maintain a close relationship, often sharing in large family holidays and vacations," Doe's sister said.

She added that her brother is not a threat.

"My brother is an excellent uncle to my two children and I have no fear when I leave them in his care," she said.

Doe's mother also wrote a letter explaining that her son is a mature adult.

"All issues relating to the incident are resolved between them," she said. "My daughter and he enjoy a normal brother sister relationship in the family."

"I don't see how [he] can say [he] shouldn't have to register when everyone else does."

—Paul Ebert

Ebert, the Prince William Commonwealth's attorney, thinks the case only called more attention to Doe and his family.

"His basic argument is it's just not fair," Ebert said. "I don't see how [he] can say [he] shouldn't have to register when everyone else does."

In court documents VanLowe asked the court to excuse Doe from registering because since 1993, when he was arrested for the incest charge, he has not been "charged, convicted, or subject to complaints for any other sexually inappropriate acts."

Ebert said that VanLowe's argument simply means that the court doesn't know whether he has committed further inappropriate acts.

"We know he hasn't been arrested since his last conviction," Ebert said. "His past history is troubling."

Court records state that Doe, 31, is a graduate of "Mary Washington College" with

degrees in philosophy and psychology.

Debra Steckler, associate professor of Psychology and the Psychology department chair at UMW, taught Tramel in several classes including sports psychology. She remembers that he was a good student and was surprised to learn about Tramel's registration on the sex offender list.

"There wasn't anything where you would look at him like, 'Ooh, there's something wrong,'" Steckler said.

Conor Reilly, a 2004 graduate of Mary Washington College, worked with Tramel on the staff of the Bulletin. Reilly recalled that Tramel was a swim coach while at Mary Washington because his commitments to the team sometimes took him away from board meetings with the Bulletin.

Reilly was also surprised to see Tramel on the sex offender registry.

"I guess people can change," Reilly said.

Reilly added that he was curious about the University's admissions process that would allow someone to enroll with a misdemeanor on his record.

The admissions application for UMW asks if the applicant has ever been convicted of a crime other than traffic violations. If so, the applicant is required to write about the details on a separate page.

Martin Wilder, the vice president of enrollment at the University, said that Admissions looks for crimes such as sexual assault, drug-related issues and violent behavior and considers whether the applicant could possibly be a risk to the campus.

"It's primarily related to the safety of the campus environment and the safety of all the students," Wilder said.

Applicants with previous criminal behavior are rare, Wilder said, and most problems are related to dismissal or suspension from school. Wilder could not say whether an application with an incest misdemeanor passed through the office at any time.

Another part of Virginia's tighter sex offender laws is a statute that requires Virginia colleges to provide students' names, birthdates and Social Security numbers to the state police to check for sex offenders on campus.

Steckler, Tramel's former Psychology professor, can only imagine what Tramel is going through now that he is on the public registry.

"I'm sure his life is ruined," she said.

Pollard Suffers Thefts

By STEPHANIE TAIT
Editor in Chief

University of Mary Washington police report that Pollard Hall was the victim of yet another burglary last week, resulting in the theft of two computers, valued at \$4,000 and two music keyboards, valued at \$200.

Between the hours of 9 p.m. on Oct. 5 and 8:20 a.m. Oct. 6, police say someone pried open the outer door on the second floor of Pollard Hall and then removed a glass window inside the hallway in order to access the room with the computers.

"This was a very aggressive incident," said Lt. David Cooper. "It had to have been preplanned."

The theft of these two computers puts the number of computer thefts from classrooms at 24 over the past year and the value of stolen merchandise at over \$40,000.

Last spring, 18 laptops were stolen from duPont Hall; this summer, two computers and an LCD projector were stolen from Pollard Hall; and this fall two laptops were stolen from Trinkle Hall.

Police made an arrest in the thefts occurring last spring, but have no suspects or witnesses for any of the thefts since then.

According to Cooper, Trinkle Hall, duPont Hall and Pollard Hall seem to be the main targets of these thefts but said there's little more his department can do.

"As a rule, campus as a whole is very open," Cooper said. "We aren't allowed to lock up most of these buildings until 11 at night and some of the front doors stay open all night."

Cooper said there may be a connection between the age of the buildings and the location of the thefts.

"The area where these last thefts occurred had good locks and were secure," he said. "But sometimes these old doors don't shut tight."

Cooper said police are doing all they can to prevent these thefts and were working with limited resources.

"We don't have enough manpower to station an officer at these buildings all night," he said.

Cooper said he'd ideally like to hire a full time investigator to look into these incidents and follow leads and maybe install some surveillance cameras in the buildings.

"We'd like to do things like that, but it brings up privacy and funding issues," he said.

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Editorial Control Your Propaganda

People have sex. It's a very real fact in campus life.

Most of the time, when college students engage in intercourse, they try to avoid coming down with a case of "preggers" (i.e. pregnancy).

How does one avoid becoming pregnant while still enjoying the occasional romp?

You guessed it: birth control.

From condoms to prescriptions, birth control is a necessary and highly effective way to prevent the pitter-patter of little feet.

So why do some groups on campus feel the need to tout anti-birth control propaganda and pray outside of the health center in an attempt to stop their dispersion?

While we recognize everyone's right to speak out on issues that are important to them, this is getting a bit ridiculous.

The claim that using birth control is the direct cause of "poor mate choice" in females is absurd.

There is no direct scientific evidence that birth control affects pheromones. There isn't even credible proof that pheromones exist!

Not a believer? Look it up.

The use of birth control in no way causes poor mate choice in females. A depiction of a crying female suffering from the burden of her birth-control-caused crappy relationship is poppycock.

This is no more than a lame attempt by a single group to impose their views and guilt-trips on the rest of campus.

Maybe these posters get torn down for a reason.

No amount of staples can hold up an argument this transparent.

Vote No Nov. 7

By KATIE O'CONNOR
Guest Columnist

Many are up in arms about the question of a "marriage amendment" being added to our Commonwealth of Virginia's Constitution. The question is, why?

People may answer, "because it bans gay marriage." This is true, but there have been laws banning gay marriage on the books for over thirty years.

This amendment, intended to ban gay marriage, is so ambiguously worded that it hurts even more people.

It basically says that an unmarried couple is not entitled to the same rights as a married man and woman. It includes the following statement:

"This Commonwealth and its political subdivisions shall not create or recognize a legal status for relationships of unmarried individuals that intends to approximate the design, qualities, significance or effects of marriage."

There is so much more to this amendment than just the rights of gay and lesbian individuals being violated. It also affects domestic violence issues as well as Virginia

businesses.

Domestic violence is a more prevalent issue in Virginia than many people think. Every five days someone in Virginia is killed by domestic violence. Right now, victims of abuse are entitled to a protective order, immediate custody of children, the house, the car and a place in an emergency shelter if needed.

If this vile legislation is passed, an unmarried victim of domestic abuse can only charge their abuser with assault and battery and even that comes along with a considerable amount of red tape.

Married or not, I think it's terrifying that I would receive no protection from the law if my boyfriend were to abuse me.

In Ohio, a similar amendment was passed and there are now two appeals filed by unmarried victims going through the courts. This affects students at UMW especially because fifty percent of domestic abuse victims in the Fredericksburg area are unmarried.

These are people in our community whose rights will be dissolved if this amendment is passed on November 7.

It is our duty to do everything in our power to help the law protect them. Businesses in Virginia offer domestic partner benefits (i.e.

dental plans and medical insurance) in order to be competitive.

Wouldn't you rather work for a company that offers your boyfriend or girlfriend benefits instead of one that would only give him or her benefits if he/she was your spouse?

However, if this amendment is added, it would be declared unconstitutional for Virginia businesses to offer these benefits to unmarried couples and they would cease to prosper. Many businesses would have to relocate to North Carolina or Maryland.

This amendment could severely impact Virginia's economy if passed and the last thing any of us wants to see is our state being compromised because of one of our own laws.

Now I address the students of Mary Washington: if you are either in favor of protecting the rights of gay and lesbian couples, domestic violence victims or Virginia businesses, vote no on November 7.

Conservative or liberal or anywhere in between, this legislation harms the interests of everyone no matter where they are on the political spectrum. This amendment is wrong and we must defeat it.

Katie O'Connor is a freshman.

South Dakota Speaks On Abortion

By ELIZABETH SIEB and MEGAN MCCRUM
Guest Columnists

For over 30 years, abortion has been legal in the United States since the landmark case Roe v. Wade in 1973. At that time, the decision was made by nine unelected Supreme Court justices. However, today the outcome is in the hands of the 775,933 people of South Dakota.

Earlier this year, a South Dakota Task Force conducted a year-long comprehensive study on the effects of abortion in the U.S. over the past 33 years. This 72-page report, compiled from 3,500 pages of scientific research, which analyzed all aspects of abortion, can be found at voteforslife.com/docs/Task_Force_Report.pdf.

The Task Force Report reached two overwhelming conclusions: first, abortion

terminates the life of a separate, distinct, living human being, which can now be proven scientifically with DNA evidence and research in the field of molecular biology. Second, abortion hurts women, causing major physical, mental, emotional and spiritual consequences that can be devastating to their lives.

Shortly after the publication of the Task Force Report, South Dakota's legislature passed a law banning all forms of abortion regardless of reason for the first time in history. One of the primary roles of the government is to protect its citizens, and the U.S. Supreme Court stated in its Roe v. Wade decision that "if this suggestion of personhood is established, the appellant's case, of course, collapses, for the fetus' right to life would then be guaranteed."

The evidence was so clear and compelling and the desire to protect its citizens was so strong that two-thirds of the South Dakota legislature—a broad, bipartisan majority—passed the abortion ban. South Dakota Governor Mike Rounds signed the ban into law and at least 12 other states began actively working to enact abortion bans similar to the one in South Dakota.

Planned Parenthood has only one lone clinic in the state of South Dakota and is raising

millions of dollars to fund their protest by gathering thousands of signatures petitioning against the ban that was passed earlier this year. The issue will be placed on referendum on the state ballot for the November 7 elections.

South Dakota is a largely conservative state and is under siege by Planned Parenthood, who realizes that their battle is not only to protect their clinic in that state, but rather the future of the abortion industry as a whole.

South Dakota may be a conservative state; however, that does not guarantee a pro-life victory. In this referendum, people will not be voting party politics but instead will be voting on one sole issue, whether innocent human life is worthy of protection.

The implications of this ban make it a pivotal moment in United States history. For the first time since the famous Roe vs. Wade case, voters will have the opportunity to speak their mind solely on the issue of abortion.

If the bill is passed by referendum, it will undoubtedly be challenged and eventually make its way up to the Supreme Court. If the Supreme Court sees fit to overturn their 1973 decision by

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Studying vs. Facebook

By Will Brewster and Austin Cobb



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University Senior Is "Lovin' It"

By JESSICA SIMON
Staff Writer

It was my sophomore year of high school and a few girls on my softball team and I decided to go to Pizza Hut after a game. Somehow we got on the topic of what the best fast food place was.

"I've always loved McDonald's," said our catcher Jackie.

"Me too! And they definitely have the best service," I replied, knowing most of the girls knew my sentimental attachment to the famous fast food place; I had been working there for almost a year.

But Kate, our senior captain, shot me down. "Are you serious? Only retards work at McDonald's."

Kate's comment certainly made me hang my head in shame for the rest of dinner, but after six years of working the same part-time job, I am kind of used to it. I am a normal 21-year-old college student with a good GPA and I am employed by McDonald's and I love working there.

Every summer since I was 15 years old, at least once a week I would put on my blue

polyester shirt, multicolored scarf and black visor and walk up the street to be greeted by two beautiful golden arches. For as many as eight hours I would stand behind the register or in the drive-through window working my absolute hardest to serve a delicious and convenient meal to the customers who I truly do love to see smile.

OK, I'm being sarcastic. I work hard enough to earn my hourly rate (which after six years of service is not too shabby) and maybe I don't have much of a sentimental attachment to the hundreds of customers that I see each day, but my experiences working at Mickey D's are definitely not the horror stories many would imagine them to be. I might even say that when I finally retire my drive-through headset, I might even miss the place.

I started working there the summer after my freshman year of high school because

my parents wanted me to make a little bit of my own money. They thought McDonald's was a good choice for me because I could walk there and my manager at the time, who also was my grandmother's neighbor, assured them they could be flexible with my busy softball and school schedule. Even though I felt that the job would be relatively stress free, I was still pretty nervous my first week of working.

On my first day of work I was taught how to work the register. I found out later that most kids my age were not taught register until at least working there a month. I guess they could just see just how gifted I was at my job. I picked up working the register quickly and didn't really have much trouble for the first day. The second day was a different

story.

I came into work at 7 a.m. that morning, still a little nervous because I was so new. I had literally just walked over "the line," the barrier that determines where only the crew can be, when my manager Chris pulled me into the management office. Was I getting fired already? It was my second day of work!

"Put this on and don't stop smiling for the rest of the day," he said handing me a nametag. "We have the corporate inspections today and everything has to go perfectly."

About an hour into my shift our corporate manager Hung arrived. He was a short, skinny, quiet Asian man, but he intimidated us all and we knew we had to be on our best behavior.

It was around 9 a.m., or as we crew members call it "breakfast rush," when I noticed Hung and my

They were all standing to the left of my line, and Hung was in the front of them. All of a sudden Hung looked me in the eye and pulled out a stopwatch. I was being timed for how long it took me to get through each customer. Judging by the looks on my manager's faces, I could see how important this was.

I am embarrassed to say, I choked under the pressure. I was so busy worrying about Hung's approval that I kept misunderstanding the customer's orders.

"Did you say three or four Egg McMuffins? Did you want orange juice or coffee? Was that for here or to go?" Not to mention I kept putting the wrong things into the register several times and basically had to start the whole order over again. I also think that I stopped smiling due to all of the pressure.

It was a lot to handle on my second day, but my managers assured me that everything was fine. Six years later, I still look forward to working at the same register whenever I'm home from school.

Working in "the hole" or the back drive-through is what I enjoy the most. When working "hole" I am in charge of taking the drive through orders and the money, as well as telling each customer "Next window please!"

I will admit though, an eight hour shift in "the hole" can get a little bit tedious. I usually find numerous tasks to pass the time. Sometimes I put together happy meal boxes, other times I text message anyone who I think may want to hear from me, and sometimes I even sit down in the break room and grab a few seconds of sleep in between cars. Personally though, I think that my favorite thing to do when I'm in "the hole," for what seems like a whole day, is lie to my customers.

I certainly don't search for reasons to mess with the customers, but sometimes when the opportunity comes up it's hard to resist.

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First Person



managers approaching my register. My nerves kicked in a little more.

The Scoop On Cards and Cones' Move

By ERICA MASON
Staff Writer

Every color of the rainbow appears in the cases of ice cream in Cards and Cones, an ice cream shop located in downtown Fredericksburg. Unique flavors like Play-doh, which is neon-yellow vanilla ice cream with red and green cookie dough, make up 28 of the rotating 50 flavors available.

"We're known for the unusual flavor," co-owner Brett Hicks said.

This summer Cards and Cones' building came under new ownership. Their lease was not renewed and the eatery will either close or relocate in December. Hicks said Dec. 31 will most likely be their last day of business at their current location.

For many weeks, Hicks, his employees and his customers thought that this holiday season would be the last for Cards and Cones. However, in September, Hicks found a possible location to move into. A vacancy will be available by February 2007 a few doors down on Caroline Street, allowing Cards and Cones to re-open.

"We're very happy," Hicks said. "But we still have lots of hoops to jump through."

Cards and Cones, located on the corner of William Street



Courtesy: Erica Mason

Above, senior Lindsey Victoria (right) dines with her mother and sister at Cards and Cones during Parents' Weekend. Right, senior Megs Madigan scoops ice cream for a hungry customer.



Courtesy: Erica Mason

Cones would have to meet health department regulations before moving in. Hicks submitted his application for that location on Oct. 11 and will soon know the future of Cards

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and Caroline Street, has been a family-owned and operated business since 1994. In 2002, Hicks bought into the business, joining his mother Debby Hicks as co-owner. Known mostly for their ice cream, sodas and sandwiches, Cards and Cones also sells greeting cards.

The shop's potential new location, at 919 Caroline St., has never been a food establishment, which means Cards and

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of water at
innocent
bystanders.



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Viewpoints

Now He Wants To Discuss The Issues?

Webb Cares About Families, Education And The Working Poor. What Does Allen's Record Show?

By JAMES MARTIN
Guest Columnist

After every newspaper in Virginia ran weeks of front-page articles about Senator George Allen's (R-VA) affinity for the word n***** as well bringing to light dozens of incidents of "racial insensitivity" and downright racism, George Allen has decided that maybe it's a good idea to talk about the issues in the Virginia Senate race—so, fine, let's talk about the issues, Senator Allen.

Allen has voted against raising the minimum wage four times, and during that same period voted to increase his pay four times (totaling a \$31,600 raise for himself, almost three times the current minimum wage).

Former Secretary of the Navy Jim Webb, his Democratic opponent, supports raising the minimum wage and thinks it's downright immoral that 153,000 Virginians still have to live and in many cases support their families on \$5.15 an hour.

Webb believes that government influence should stop at the front door unless there's a compelling reason. Webb also believes that gay couples are entitled to the same rights and protections as their heterosexual counterparts,

supporting civil unions and opposing discrimination against gays in the workforce.

On the other hand, Allen thinks gay relationships are "unnatural" and "illegal" and thinks that gay adoption should be banned because "children should not find that to be an acceptable lifestyle." According to Senator Allen, being bounced from foster home to foster home is vastly preferable to being in the care of two loving gay parents.

Webb supports ethical stem cell research, because he knows the potential that it has to cure diseases that afflict millions of Americans. George Allen, on the other hand, voted against the Stem Cell Research Enhancement Act which would have lifted restrictions on stem cell research here in the United States.

Webb is a strong supporter of the Family and Medical Leave Act, which provides women with 12 weeks of unpaid leave from their jobs after they give birth or in case of a serious medical emergency within their family.

Allen opposes the Family and Medical Leave Act and voted against expanding it for women who have been the victim of domestic violence or sexual assault.

Webb, a former Secretary of the Navy, and decorated Vietnam Veteran, was an early and outspoken opponent to the War in Iraq, writing in

the Washington Post in 2002 "In Japan, American occupation forces quickly became 50,000 friends. In Iraq, they would quickly become 50,000 terrorist targets."

Allen not only voted for the War in Iraq, he supports the President 100 percent on the issue of Iraq. With Iraq in civil war, 2,737 brave American soldiers dead, 20,468 wounded and 48,000 Iraqi civilians killed, Allen continues to be the #1 cheerleader for President Bush's foreign policy fiasco.

Allen twice voted against giving our troops in Iraq modern body armor, instead giving them inferior Vietnam-era bullet-proof vests. Some troops and their families were about to buy modern body armor out of their own pockets; many could not. Jim Webb's son, Jimmy Webb, is currently serving in Iraq as an active duty Marine, and certainly would never vote against giving out troops the tools they need to stay alive.

Since Senator Allen took office in 2000, the number of uninsured Virginians has increased by 11 percent, while health insurance premiums have increased an astronomical 73 percent.

At the same time, Senator Allen voted four times against allowing the government to negotiate lower prices through Medicare and voted three times to arrest and prosecute elderly American grandmothers who were caught

crossing the border to Canada to buy far cheaper prescription medications (as much as 60 percent cheaper).

Webb is a strong supporter of the Second Amendment and is endorsed by the AFL-CIO.

Webb believes that the only way to secure America's future is to invest in our children, most especially expanding college loans. But again, Allen is against fully funding No Child Left Behind and further let college tuition tax credits for 104,000 Virginia students expire.

At the same time, Allen voted for the Tax Relief Extension Act of 2005, which provided massive tax cuts for Big Oil and energy companies while they were experiencing record profits.

Webb believes in a balanced budget, fiscal restraint and lower taxes. However, in the six years they have been in office, George Bush and George Allen have turned President Clinton's \$230 billion surplus into \$428 billion deficit, saddling future generations with \$8.5 trillion (with a t) in national debt.

Senator Allen, are you sure you still want to talk about the issues?

James Martin is the Teen and High School Chair for the Virginia Young Democrats and is currently a freshman.

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allowing the South Dakota law to stand, then the regulation of abortion will return to the control of the states.

The overturning of Roe v. Wade does not amount to the banning of all abortion across the nation. According to the Supreme Court, the

first question that must be addressed is when does human life begin?

It has been scientifically proven again and again that human life starts at the moment of conception; it is indisputable that the embryo is the embryo of a human being, not a kangaroo embryo. An individual beating heart can be detected 22 days after conception. No woman

who claims that the fetus is "her body" can reasonably explain why her body had two beating hearts.

Therefore, since the humanity of the unborn fetus has been clearly established, the next issue becomes upholding the recognition of human life. If the fetus has "personhood," it is then constitutionally guaranteed that its right to life

must be protected.

And here is the crux of the moral issue of our time: do we stand on principle and protect human life from purposeful slaughter or do we sway to the emotional pleas of relativism?

Elizabeth Sieb is a senior. Megan McCrum is a junior

Sexclamations A Real Downer

By Elz England, Staff Writer, and Daniel Ceo, Assistant Photography Editor



The ultimate goal of most sexual activity is simple: getting off. Unfortunately, it's easier said than done. While the Rabbit and Righty never let you down, climaxing becomes a whole different ball game when there's another

a bit more complicated. While it may require more effort, the rewards may be multiple.

Studies have shown that girls orgasm more frequently when they are with a partner with whom they feel comfortable. Guys, attempt to establish a connection with the girl and not just primitive desires.

Climaxing doesn't happen every time, so don't expect it to. The less pressure you put on the girl to perform, the more she can enjoy herself. She should be focusing on getting off, not worrying about hurting your ego.

Ladies, instead of faking it, let him know what he can do to help you along. This can be a subtle action, such as relocating his hands or switching positions, or verbal instructions may be necessary.

You both need to accept that it may not happen, but it's not necessarily a bad thing, because you're both still having fun.

Timing: Sex can last anywhere from 20 minutes to 20 seconds, and most of the time, this is dependent on the guy. So, what can be done? One recommendation is "extended pleasure" condoms; they're safe and effective at adding minutes. They're nothing to be ashamed of, because really, all guys could stand to last a few more minutes.

Another option is to avoid over stimulation. While foreplay is pretty much a necessity, a guy might need a short break between foreplay and intercourse to calm down a little bit. This break should be used to spend some time on her.

Ultimately, Dan and Elz want to emphasize that orgasms are something to strive for, but not expect. Sex is fun, with or without the grand finale.

Have a happy Fall Break. Stay safe and good luck getting some.

Tiers To You, Kid!

By Tierney Plumb, Associate Editor

Every night in college for the past three years, I have spooned with an 18-year-old...bird.

Despite her matted gray fur, cracked glass eyes, busted seams under her wing and the need of a neck brace to hold up her floppy neck, Swaney has been my bedside companion since I was three.

She was also the first to break the ice between my roommate Liz and me in Virginia Hall. Liz inquisitively asked, "What is that thing?" when I opened my suitcase. Liz soon discovered the comfort of that "thing" named Swaney.

She wanted to make sure she didn't go dying on us, so she mended her wing with a sewing kit.

Swaney was also the catalyst for bonding with our hall mates, as we used Virginia's spacious third floor to play midnight soccer tournaments—with Swaney as the soccer ball.

Swaney didn't stand much of a chance when we were bored. We threw her out the third floor window during pass periods to get a startled reaction out of students walking down campus walk.

My friend Whitney brought Humphrey, a bear that wears a Christmas sweater all year,



to Radford University as a freshman.

"Humps" has since taken the same playful beating from her roommates, as they put handcuffs on her bear so that Whitney can't snuggle with him when it's time to pass out.

Last spring, I wanted to find out more about college students' attachment to their companions from home, so I spoke with Holly Schiffrin, the assistant professor of childhood psychology here at UMW.

In her Infant and Development class, only 10 percent of her students raised their hands when asked if they brought such "transitional items" with them to college.

By the end of the freshman year, I wanted to spread the word that it was socially acceptable to have such an item in college.

One night Swaney came with me to a party, traveling in my purse with her head sticking out. Instead of getting weird looks from senior lacrosse players, Swaney ended up being a great conversation piece. The party animal even helped score me a free Solo cup.

So stop looking at me, swan, and when you go home this fall break, bring back that tattered Elmo, Blankie or Barney you "forgot" in August.



Swaney, Tiers' beloved stuffed swan.

Photo Courtesy Tierney Plumb

Entertainment

Pond Floods UMW With Indie Rock

By CAITLIN COGGINS
Staff Writer

It's homecoming weekend, one of the few weekends at Mary Washington where school spirit is usually out and rampant. Students go to the games, paint their faces and go to concerts to see great bands. Matt Pond PA was certainly no exception to this. Listed in Rolling Stones "10 Bands to Watch," with their down-to-earth sound and touching lyrics, mpPA is clearly an up and coming band. Their show definitely showed this, too. In fact, everything was going awesome until lead singer Matt Pond called the school "William & Mary," eliciting jeers from the crowd.

On the one hand, it is understandable that traveling from place to place with little sleep, makes it pretty easy to mix up a name. But on the other hand, considering the general lack of school spirit that is prevalent around this campus, it was just sort of a buzz kill to be called the wrong school the one weekend students actually seem to be excited about going to Mary Wash.

As so aptly put by Junior Laura Stelling, "The music was great; the only part I didn't enjoy was when he [Matt Pond] called us 'William & Mary.' On the weekend where school spirit is at its highest, bands should make it their business to get the names of schools right."

Besides that, the overall show was still really great and the crowd enjoyed the band. Band members included lead singer and guitarist Matt Pond, guitarist Brian Pearl, drummer Dan Crowell, bassist Steve Jewett and Dana Feder on the cello and keyboards. The group was originally formed in 1998 by Pond when he moved from New England to Philadelphia. They have released several albums. Their newest album, "Several Arrows Later," came out Oct. 11 on Altitude Records. It is said to be Pond's most autobiographical album yet. Pond himself stated that "it's all true. It's about letting go."

Their sound comes across as a mix of the ambient soundscapes of Death Cab for Cutie mixed with the commanding presence of

Guster's upbeat instrumentation and heartfelt vocals.

The personal element that Pond includes in his music was clearly apparent in his show. He talked to a lot of the members of the audience, and even playing "a song for a dude," as he put it. They played a bunch of new songs off *Several Arrows Later*, all of which sounded fantastic. A couple of tracks that really stood out were "So Much Trouble"

"Halloween."

The song writing and vocals of Pond were exceptional, as was the cello-playing of Feder. The indie-pop sound of their albums definitely translated well into the live show.

Don't get me wrong, Matt Pond PA is a great band and they put on a great show. It was just unfortunate that the one thing that everyone could talk about after the show was the fact that they got the school name wrong. Everyone should still check out their new album, *Several Arrows Later*, promised to be their best yet, and just hope that they get the right name of the next school they go to.

UMW Theatre and Dance Waltzes In a Good Show

By ESTHER LEE
Staff Writer

The University of Mary Washington Theatre and Dance Department had its last showing of "Anton in Show Business," directed by Helen Housley, this weekend. I went to the show with a vague idea that the play would have something to do with females, show business, and someone

named Anton.

It began with the declaration of the death of theater; and that a six female cast would play all the parts (seven if you count the angsty reporter, played by Diane Rogers, planted in the audience). Casey, played by Cory Vicotria Hall, is a homely and jaded "off-off Broadway" star facing the prospect of having to return home to her father's hardware store. Lisabette, played by Siobhan Dannaher, is an impossibly naïve third grade schoolteacher traumatized by sex, and Holly, played by Melissa Meritt, is a man-eating, power-hungry TV star pursuing Hollywood fame.

The play chronicles the difficulty and behind the scenes workings of putting on an "off-off-Broadway" show, as well as touching on the personal lives of the three women who become like sisters by the end. The play comments and looks critically not only at the status of women in theatre, but also the perception and different interpretations of art and theatre by society. As the characters begin rehearsing for the show, hiring and firing of directors acquaints the audience with differing theories and interpretations of Chekhov's play.

While it is possible for one to enjoy the show without having any prior knowledge of Anton Chekhov, I found it more helpful after I Googled him and learned that Chekhov was a Russian doctor turned writer who was famous for his deep psychological exploration of his characters.

Indeed, while on the surface the characters may seem flat and stereotypical, as the play continues, the three actresses, their producer and even the interjecting reporter in the audience reveal internal struggles and drama. What started as Casey's two hundred first off-off-Broadway play, Lisabette's first New York audition, and Holly's first classical play to prove she could act—developed into a learning and appreciation of Chekhov and what the play meant for their lives. But just as things start to come together, they just as rapidly begin to fall apart.

Anton in Show Business chronicles not only the jaded face of show business, but also its transparency and the power of money. The play ends with the three sitting in an airport having a very "Chekhov" moment, with their dreams unrealized and their fears all too real. So why has the audience been watching this play? The fact that the women's play was never finished is not important, the experience they had while they were doing Chekhov and the time they shared together is what's important.

"[Theater] makes you think it was about something, when it really was all about yourself," Hall's character, Casey, said in the performance.

So now, we're back to the play about the play—the process in the end is what has changed Casey, Lisabette, Holly, their producer and even the reporter Joby—not the actual play itself. Just as Casey said in the play, A play about a production is not intended for the audience but for the actors. There were some slow-moving parts, some laugh-out-loud comedy and some biting social commentary; the end result was a thoroughly enjoyable and thought provoking production by UMW Theatre and Dance.

ANTON = SHOW BUSINESS



Courtesy of UMW Theatre & Dance.

Anton in Show business was performed by UMW Theatre and Dance.

the Spotlight

By JOHN SHERIDAN
Staff Writer

It may not be the newest release, coming out a year ago this month, but "Sound Directions: The Funky Side of Life" is in my mind an instant classic that I can only assume very few even heard of. It is worth recapping for any who value quality jazz and funk deep in their hearts as I do. Created by indie hip-hop producer and jazz infuser Madlib for Stones Throw records, instrumental jazz-funk album is the best by a modern artist I've heard.

Madlib's latest creation is finally the full jazz

orchestra sound that his previous work never quite reached, every song a complete and thorough work of funk art. If I didn't know it came out last year, upon listening I would assume "The Funky Side of Life" was written and performed somewhere around 1970. With a full arsenal of instruments ranging from full-bodied organ to raspy muffled trumpet, it seems Madlib finally consulted the inner-funk and found exactly what he needed.

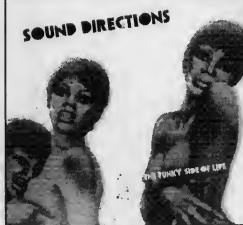
The third track, "Wanda Vidal," is possibly the most accessible and welcoming song on the album, with a bouncing bossa nova drum line that borders on mambo but keeps up with Madlib's trademark skillful heavy drum beats. The fourth song, "Forty Days," is a more

relaxing toe-tapping classic jazz tune with a booming underside beat to it. The beautiful flowing horn/Spanish guitar combination reminds me of something I'd imagine hearing in a smoky lounge in Havana.

"Play Car," the fifth tune on the album, says it all in Madlib's announcement, "Oh, y'all 'bout to get funky on me."

This track provides a nasty driving bass line set to an anxious backdrop of organ, providing the perfect music for any Guy Ritchie heist scene.

When the drum break begins and each instrument gets some solo time, you can't refuse to move.



Other songs like "The Horse," keep the funk coming in a triumphant victory march. With cymbals splashing and drums racing at top speed, a charging chorus of horns leads into a ridiculous drum break before the funky finale.

This tune is the perfect companion to a high-speed car chase, it's what marching bands need to play at football games if they want their team to win.

The final song, "On The Hill," winds things back down in a long slow goodbye full of lazy swaying trumpet lines speckled with keyboard that lets you down smooth and easy.

If you already happen to be a fan of Stone's Throw records or Madlib in particular, "Sound Directions: The Funky Side of Life" by Yesterday's New Quintet is indispensable. Jazz and funk aficionados, young and old, cannot afford to pass over this unique slice of quality. It is everything I love about jazz/funk from the 60s and 70s, but with Madlib's modern infusion of heavily compressed and gracefully intricate drums.

Caitlin Coggins/Bulletin

Oxford Collapse Rocks Campus

By ANDY DRAKE
Staff Writer

For years, humanity has silently wondered whether the power of rock and roll could successfully be combined with the German drinking holiday of Oktoberfest. What would such an event even be called? Rock and Rollerfest? Octoberrock? Obviously, the problems and questions associated with such a

The band got started when Michael Pace (guitar/vocals) and Yoon Sing da Silva (bass) decided to start a band when they completed a study abroad program in England, where they lived on, you guessed it, Oxford Street. After going through more drummers than Spinal Tap, they discovered Dan Fetherston, who was also on the study abroad program and was Pace's "arch nemesis." Incidentally, he also didn't know how to play the drums, a fact that I find hard to believe

the new label was to cut a new record.

"Now that we have some money we decided to spend it right," said Pace about the band's decision to hire legendary producer John Agnello. And as for the album itself?

"I have no regrets, it turned out great," Rizer said.

Interestingly, despite the myriad of sounds at work in their music, the band didn't have much to say about their influences.



Courtesy of Meghan Coyte.

The Members of Oxford Collapse rock out in scientifically engineered splendor at Rocktoberfest. The band played to a crowd feasting on free Buffalo Wild Wings.

combination are far too numerous to list here, but the good folks at Giant Productions somehow managed to bring us a new milestone in human history: Rocktoberfest!

On Thursday Oct. 5, despite overcast skies and one of the first truly cold days of the season, University of Mary Washington students came out in droves not only to eat free food courtesy of Buffalo Wild Wings, but also to hear the musical styling of the Brooklyn-based indie rock band Oxford Collapse. Despite a late start, the band played an excellent set of indie pop/rock tunes that were a pleasant change of pace from the hardcore and metal bands that are so often heard on campus.

"I like that they're playing unique sounding music instead of just doing covers of whatever is on the radio this month," senior Linda Dawson said.

One thing that can be definitely said about Oxford Collapse's sound is that it's hard to define. Of the songs they played at Rocktoberfest, many had familiar elements from other songs and genres but still managed to keep a unique flavor that is all their own.

after listening to their set.

With the loss of da Silva and the bassist that followed, Pace recruited Adam Rizer, a move that seems to have solidified the trio. After the release of their second album and the end of their contract with Canine Records, they began shopping themselves around, a move that turned out to be unnecessary.

A representative of Sub Pop came knocking on my apartment door carrying Kurt Cobain's corpse," Pace said. "When Sub Pop is interested in you then you don't say no."

One of the band's first moves when moving to

"We were actually scientifically created in a vacuum to be the perfect band for everybody,"

Adam said.

They also expressed annoyance at reviewer's attempts to define them in relation to other popular musicians.

"If you read any of our reviews, they mention like six different bands... we'd rather people be like 'oh they sound like themselves.'" Their frustration is understandable since they've obviously worked very hard to

cultivate a unique sound.

Oxford Collapse seems to be a group working towards cultivating a new and interesting sound and are definitely a group to keep your eyes peeled for.

"
We were actually scientifically created in a vacuum to be the perfect band for everybody.
"

-Adam Rizer

Bullet Hits: Top Five Most Underrated Hotties in Hollywood

By TIERNEY MCAFEE
Assistant Features Editor

For all the ladies out there who have grown weary of Brad Pitt's pretty face all over the tabs and are past mooning over J.T.'s moves (even though I certainly am not), here are some hot Hollywood hunks who are cruising right beneath your radar. And don't let the sexy factor fool you, these guys have got talent as well as looks.



1. Peter Sarsgaard:

While everyone was raving over Zach Braff's funny, sensitive character in "Garden State," I was busy falling for his grave-robbing, scamming, pot-smoking buddy...who still lives with his mom. Hey, it's just a character! And it only goes to show that this guy's got mad acting skills. Peter's rugged, intense sex appeal went unnoticed by many (with the exception of myself and perhaps more

notably Maggie Gyllenhaal), but there's still time to align your taste. Watch for him as another charismatic bad boy in 2007's big screen adaptation of Michael Chabon's "The Mysteries of Pittsburgh."



2. Jeremy Sisto:

Although Jeremy and I were first acquainted back in his Suck 'n Blow days in "Clueless," I didn't begin my love affair with this brooding hottie until I watched him as Billy Chenoweth on HBO's Six Feet Under (also underrated). His turn as an obsessive, bi-

polar artist kept me glued to the screen and begging for more...his

piercing eyes and sensuous lips didn't hurt either. Watch for him as a badass kidnaper-and-recovery specialist on NBC's new series "Kidnapped."

3. Joseph Fiennes:

I don't know about you guys, but nothing wows me like a guy in tights. And an English accent. Joseph swept me off his feet in his back-to-back performances in "Elizabeth" and "Shakespeare in Love." Ralph Fiennes seems to be getting more attention lately, but Joseph will always be the brother for me. Watch for him in a completely non-sexy role as a pedophile in the film adaptation of Augusten Burrough's completely hilarious "Running with Scissors."



4. Clive Owen:

It would be pretty hard to miss Clive's sex appeal while watching him in smokin' scenes like the ones with Natalie Portman and Julia Roberts in "Closer" or with Rosario Dawson in "Sin City." As far as I'm concerned, this dark-haired green-eyed stud

pretty much oozes sex. In fact, I'm getting so excited I can't even talk about him anymore. See Sin City 2 in 2007 to see what I mean.

5. Ryan Gosling:

Ok, I guess some girls might have noticed Ryan's performance as the love-struck Noah Calhoun in the ultra-sappy flick "The Notebook," but I still think his hotness is not celebrated nearly enough. Ryan's boyish charm and smoldering looks are a dynamite combination, rendering him irresistible to women and teens alike. Expect to see a lot of Ryan in the next year, including a role opposite Anthony Hopkins in the cat-and-mouse thriller "Fracture."



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“Hey look! Someone took all the clothes off that baby!”

“No Brian, that’s a raccoon.”

”

-A concerned, but misinformed student. Submitted by Freshman Alexis Linder.

Alright, fine. Other than Alexis Linder's submission for Overheard On Campus, I haven't heard pro or con about the new addition to the section. You've brought me to desperate measures: bribery. That's right. Everyone who submits an Overheard that gets published in our paper will automatically be entered into a free dozen Krispe Kreme! Food! Free! All you have to do is keep your ears pinned open and send me what you hear. If it's funny or just out right bizarre I'll run it and you'll get a shot at 12 free doughnuts. Send me your Overheards at zbowm8jc@umw.edu and let the gluttony begin!

-Zach Bowman,
Entertainment Editor

The Tradition Of Wacky Flavors Continues

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and Cones.

The current location's checkered floor and ceiling will be difficult for Cards and Cones to implement wherever they move. However, Hicks said they will definitely preserve the wall decor of old utensils, pots and sports memorabilia.

Hicks said that UMW students have made up the majority of his staff over the years. He said that although the students often need time off, they help preserve the friendly atmosphere.

"It's always hard trying to keep up around your [students'] schedules," Hicks said. "It seems like you always have breaks."

UMW senior Megs Madigan has worked at Cards and Cones since last May. She hopes to continue working there in the spring.

"Nobody wants to hire a second semester senior," Madigan said. "This place is so downtown. It's classic."

In addition to being her employer, Cards and Cones also serves as Madigan's food supplier. Madigan, whose favorite ice cream flavor is Coconut Chocolate Almond, said she probably eats at Cards and Cones more than she should.

"This place is so downtown," -Megs Madigan

I haven't blown up like a balloon," Madigan said. While attending UMW, 2006 graduate Sara Gossett worked at Cards and Cones for several years. Gossett said after trying almost every flavor offered, she eventually decided Cappuccino Crunch was her favorite. She has visited Cards and Cones since she graduated, and still noticed the same thing she used to love about working there.

"A lot of people have come to know Brett and his family over the years," Gossett said. "Brett knows a lot of regulars by their first name. People like the simple menu and the classic things."

Both Gossett and Madigan appreciated having the owner of the business double as their boss.

"I really liked how close I was to my co-



Courtesy/Erica Mason

Brett Hicks, co-owner of Cards and Cones, rings up a customer on a busy Saturday afternoon.

workers and my boss," Gossett said. "It contributed to the 'mom and pop' independent atmosphere."

Regular customer Karen Vossenburgh has been dining at Cards and Cones with her children for years. Vossenburgh, who has lived in Fredericksburg for almost 20 years, said she was saddened to learn about the possible closure of Cards and Cones. She said she has several favorite things about the shop.

"It's not a chain," Vossenburgh said. "It's a relaxing, family oriented business."

Vossenburgh, who goes to Cards and Cones at least once a week before or after her kids' music lessons, said her favorite item on the menu is the chicken salad. Her favorite ice cream flavor is low-fat low-sugar butter pecan.

"I know it's boring, but it's good," Vossenburgh said.

Cards and Cones sells Hershey's Ice Cream, but many of the items on the lunch menu come from the Hicks' family recipe books. Hicks said while he has no problems with the other ice cream shops in town, he has a fierce loyalty to his own establishment.

"I don't like to hear Carl's or Lee's Ice Cream mentioned in here," Hicks said, laughing.

Hicks said he knows he will have no problem keeping customers.

"We have lots of regulars," Hicks said. "One woman comes in two to three times a week and gets a Diet Vanilla Coke."

Flippin' Burgers Under The Golden Arches



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For instance, one day I decided to wear a Harvard sweatshirt over my uniform. A customer pulled up to my window and asked me if I actually went there.

I decided that for that day I did. I was also pre-med and was on a full scholarship.

It's definitely not all fun and games at work though. One of my least favorite

Mickey D's experiences occurred in the middle of summer about three

years ago. It was one of the hottest days of the year, and for some reason my manager thought that this was the perfect day to clean the outdoor children's play place.

He handed me some towels and a bottle of cleaner, and I ventured into the multi-colored tubes and ball-pit to clean every inch. This would have been a tedious job no matter what, but in the middle of the summer I could feel the sun beating down on me every second that I was in there. I had to come in every 20 minutes to get water. As I wiggled through each of the purple, blue, and green tubes I swore that I would put my two weeks quitting notice in as soon as the day was

over. When I was finally finished my clothes were dripping wet, my hair was frazzled, and I had a serious scowl on my face.

My manager came over to me with a big smile and an even bigger cup of water. "What a trooper," he said. "I don't think you'll ever have to do that again."

Since I wouldn't have to clean the colorful tubes again, I decided I'd rethink the quitting idea.

Four years later I'm still on the payroll. The question that most people ask me is if I still eat the food after working there for so long. The answer is: "Heck yes I do!" Though we may not be serving the

healthiest food in the world, there is nothing gross about what

happens behind the scenes at the Mickey D's where I work. Since I started working there, my McDonald's has received perfect or close to perfect scores on all of our inspections (despite my terrible register performance during the first one that I was a part of). I am also proud to say that I am part of one of the fastest drive-through times in Pennsylvania!

Honestly, the fact that I work at McDonald's is one of my favorite qualities of myself. I think that it makes me interesting and it certainly is a killer conversational piece. It's comforting to think that the highest-ranking members of the McDonald's Corporation all started out as simple crew members when they were teenagers. Perhaps I will be just like them, though with a degree in English approaching I don't see that happening. Since I'm currently not totally sure what I want to do after I graduate from Mary Washington, maybe a future with Mickey D's wouldn't be so bad. Maybe I should even take a look at the Hamburger University application.



The Word On The Street: Fall Fashion Essentials

By Kerri Scales & Katie Molinaro
Features Editor & Assistant Features Editor

Plaid: Plaid is this season's new fad. The question is no longer how to wear this new trend, rather how *can't* you? Pair with another bold pattern to make this look modern and edgy.

Sweater Dressing: A throwback to the 80's, but leave the permed hair and acid-wash jeans at home. Pair with dark leggings, a high waisted belt and slip on a pair of tall boots to complete the look.

Bold Colors: Red is all the rage this season. Don't save this bright hue just for nighttime, red can stop traffic during the day too. Throw on a red belt or grab a red clutch to spice up a dull outfit.

Layering: Stick to lightweight fabrics and lean silhouettes to keep this look slim and polished. For an extra fashion forward look mix up your palette of colors or experiment with different textures.

Horsing-Around: Giddyup into fall! From riding boots to chainlink prints to houndstooth vests. This style can be worn full on equestrian or paired with lady-like heels and skirts.

Blazers: Blazers are so versatile. They look great when unbuttoned over a zip-up hoodie or a t-shirt. Designers are also making blazers in plaid and tweed which really autumizes the look.

Shoes: Too cold for flip-flops (seriously, they are not meant to be worn year-round) and not cold enough for boots, canvas shoes are great in the fall. Converse, low top or high, and Vans slip-ons come in great prints and exciting colors to jazz up even the most basic hoodie.

Tighter jeans: They don't have to be so tight that you start wearing whitey tighties, but they should be fitted and skinnier at the ankle.

Argyle Sweaters: This classic preppy look is cute over an Oxford shirt with the tail hanging out from underneath the sweater and even cooler when paired with something ironic like gauged ears or even leather pants.

Military: Think olive drab, not Desert Storm. Military style shirts and jackets are a little rugged and totally hip.



Sports

UMW Riders Off To The Races



Photo courtesy Hayley Amey

Jessica VanBrocklin competes in open equitation over fences during the University of Maryland show Sept. 23-24. UMW earned a first place finish Sept. 24.

By **STEPHANIE POTTER**
Assistant Sports Editor

In the shadow of big name sports and athletes at the University of Mary Washington, the likes of Earthquake, Bubbles, Wilbur and Smokey rarely get their fifteen minutes of fame.

These, however, are not the nicknames of benchwarmers. They are horses the UMW equestrian team have ridden or competed against in competition.

Most students at UMW have never heard of these horses and their riders who are part of an Eagles' equestrian program that has sent one rider to the equestrian national championships in one or more skill class for twelve of the past fifteen years.

According to junior Lauren Campbell, the equestrian team is an important part of UMW athletics that is often overlooked.

"A lot of people at this school don't know that we have a team," she said. "It would be nice for them to realize that we do have a team, and we're good at doing what we do."

Junior Erin Richardson agreed.

"It takes strong riders to be able to adjust to a horse and do the things we do," she said. "The people on the team show that you actually need to be able to ride. You can't just sit there. You have to know what you're doing to be good at it."

In an effort to discover and develop good riders, the Eagles hold equestrian tryouts twice a year at the beginning of each semester. These tryouts are open to all riders and require a general understanding and background with horses for all participants.

Members are judged on skill level and ability to control their horse to be accepted. There are five divisions of riding, each based on skill ranking. These include open, for the most advanced riders, intermediate, novice, walk-trot-canter, and walk-trot. Team members practice at

Hazelwild Farm, a stable close to campus.

According to junior Rebecca Funkhouser, the horses come from a variety of places.

"Most of the time the school owns the horses, but sometimes they're boarder horses—people who board the horses at the farm where the school rides," she said. "But most schools don't buy horses, they're donated by alumni or people who have heard of the team and want to contribute."

fences—which requires riders to jump over various obstacles around a track. These events are judged on a seven point scale, with first place receiving seven points, second place receiving five, third four, and so on. Sixth place receives one point.

Each point received is placed in a point bank for the rider. Once a rider receives thirty five points, they move up a class, and each point accumulation carries over to the following year. Open riders, however, start with a clean slate each year—beginning at zero and working their way up.

Novice and intermediate riders that receive thirty-five points are automatically qualified for regional competitions, and open riders are required to gain twenty-eight points to qualify. The top three regional winners advance to zones, and the top two zones winners advance to regionals.

Funkhouser equated an equestrian meet to any other multi-participant program.

"It's like a track meet or a swim meet where everyone competes," she said.

According to Richardson, the rider is just as important as the horse in their competitions.

"It's equitation riding, which is judged on the rider," she said. "Not everything we do is judged on the horse. It's not based on just how well the horse is going, or what the horse looks like. Because you can't control what horse you get."

A typical equestrian meet begins with a coaches meeting in the morning followed by horse assignments. According to Richardson, these are random.

"They draw your horses for you, so the people who are entered from each school in each class who the coaches pick for that day draw out of a

hat to see which horse you're going to ride," she said. "Your coach draws for you so it's completely random, and then they write down who everyone is riding for that day."

A list of all participating horses is compiled and given to the team in preparation.

However, as Richardson noted, the horse's information is never in depth.

"They give us horse descriptions—five word descriptions that don't help at all but, they like to pretend that it does," she said.

According to the Intercollegiate Horse Show Association rules, every show has a limited number of entries, and only point riders have scores which count for the team.

Coaches declare who these point riders are at the beginning of the meet, taking a gamble on who will get the best school-provided horses and the most points.

Although some riders do not count their points for the team score, any points accumulated for an individual will count toward their personal score total.

According to Richardson, the team prepares for this variety through stringent practice at home.

"It's difficult to adjust to different horses so that's why we practice at home by swapping horses," she said. "If you're lucky you get to watch your horse go before you, but it's definitely difficult and it's something you have to learn how to do."

The Eagles have learned to do just that, with one first place finish and two second place finishes already under their belts this season.

Funkhouser is confident in her team.

"We've always been one of the top in our region," she said.

The Eagles will participate in their next show October 28th at Goucher College. Their only home meet for the season will not be until February 25th.

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— Junior Erin Richardson



UMW participates in eight competitions each year, excluding regional and national competitions. During these competitions the Eagles face twelve Region I colleges and universities, including Goucher College, their closest competitor.

Open, intermediate, and novice classes participate in a two part competition—flat, which consists of various performance aspects, and

Upcoming Events

Oct. 19 - Volleyball vs. Goucher, 7 p.m.

Oct. 25 - Men's Soccer vs. Christopher Newport, 3 p.m.



Team of the Week

The men's soccer team
defeated Salisbury
University Oct. 7 for the
first time since 2002.

Men's Soccer Slips Past Gulls

Men Beat Salisbury For First Time In Four Years

By **MARIE PURKERT**
Staff Writer

For senior soccer player Glenn Gray, four years seemed like an eternity to wait for something that kept falling from his grasp.

However, this year's homecoming finally gave him just what he waited four years for: the sweet taste of revenge. Under his leadership, the Eagles defeated the Salisbury Sea Gulls 3-2 Oct. 7 for the first time since Gray has been on the roster.

The weather was sloppy, the field slippery and crowd wild, but the men's soccer team remained focused. In an extremely intense 90 minutes, the Eagles came from behind twice to capture their final victory.

Gray, who is also a co-captain, commented on the strength of play his team showcased.

"Everyone played their heart out and contributed to the win," he said. "It is so hard to keep that high of an intensity level."

Salisbury scored first just under three minutes into the first half.

However, Mary Washington sophomore Tommy DiNuzzo tied the game at one in the 21st minute with an unassisted goal that effortlessly snuck its way under the crossbar.

The Seagulls once again pulled ahead in the 35th minute off a penalty kick, and went into halftime leading 2-1.

When the second half began, the Eagles took the field with passion. Senior co-captain Tommy Park kept the Eagles alive in the first two minutes back on the field, tying the game at two off a penalty kick.

The third and final goal also came from a penalty kick, which was netted by junior Vincent Kooljman in the 60th minute.

Park was impressed with his team's determination in the final 15 minutes of the game.

"We put ourselves in great positions to get the calls and played excellent team defense to hold Salisbury," he said.

Goalkeeper and senior Co-Captain Elliott Jones made four second half saves, including a diving stop off

a header.

According to Park, Jones really contributed to the win.

"Elliott [Jones] came up with some huge saves [in the second half] to avenge his first half retaliation foul that led to a penalty," Park said.

Team play aside, Park could not ignore the boost the Eagles received from all the fans that packed the bleachers.

"The rowdiness of the crowd helped all the guys get extra motivated to beat our rivals," he said. "They definitely gave us that '12th man' to come back twice from being a goal down. The crowd was just deafening and got us so pumped."

Gray agreed.

"We couldn't have won that game without our fans, they were fantastic," he said. "It was amazing to hear everyone behind us during the game."

After each goal the crowd screamed "Suck Salisbury" without fail, a popular slogan which all too often got reversed in reference to one of UMW's most hated rivals.

Salisbury's defeat provides the Eagles with a huge boost going into the second half of the season.

With the Seagulls behind them for the moment, Park said the team is very close to achieving the goals they set during preseason.

"We're undefeated [in the CAC] and pushing for the conference title," he said.

UMW moved one step closer to that goal Oct. 10, stomping over Hood College 7-1 to improve to 5-0 in the CAC and 10-2 overall.

The Eagles will face York College of Pennsylvania Saturday, but for Gray, the memory of homecoming after four years of disappointments won't soon fade.

"I will always remember that victory," he said.

**Next Game: Oct. 21
York College of Pennsylvania
2:30 p.m. @ York**



Daniel Ceo/Photo

Senior Tommy Park dribbles down the field during a Sept. 2 win over Eastern Mennonite. UMW beat Salisbury 3-2 Oct. 7.

UMW Team Cleared of Hazing

Coaches enforce stringent hazing policies in wake of basketball allegations

By **LAUREN BOSTON**
Sports Editor

After two weeks of investigations, University of Mary Washington officials have cleared the women's basketball team of all hazing allegations.

According to Bernard Chirico, vice president for student affairs, the photographs did not give sufficient evidence to sanction the team.

"Based on my interviews and a review of additional photos, it became clear that all team members, whether first year or upperclass, participated in the behaviors depicted in the photos published by ncaahazing.com, that students were free to come and go throughout the evening, that students other than women basketball players were present, and that no individual or group was singled out," he said.

According to Chirico, the women's basketball team will be asked to participate in an educational program focused on hazing.

Head coach Deena Applebury and members of the women's basketball team remained unable to comment on the investigation. Although the investigation is complete, the aftermath continues to be felt on campus.

Athletic Director Ed Hegmann has since sent an e-mail to all UMW coaches, implementing stricter hazing policies.

"I know there are teams that in the past have had freshman take on certain responsibilities the entire year because they were freshman, whether it be carrying ball bags or cleaning up towels or whatever," he said. "I'm afraid that athletes are getting the wrong message here that there are forms of hazing that are okay and there are forms

that are not and yet, we've been saying all along that no form of hazing is acceptable. We've asked the coaches not to do that anymore."

Despite taking a more active role to prevent hazing, the athletic department has always spoken out on the subject.

According to Hegmann, every August all UMW coaches meet with all prospective players

Facebook and Webshots.

According to Hegmann, posting on these sites poses several risks.

"It starts out as being fun loving, exchanging pictures and I reminded them that once you post these pictures they can be downloaded and saved in a file forever and ever," he said.



"It's kind of ironic, but I ask them as a guideline not to post anything that you would be embarrassed to see on the front page of a newspaper."

— Ed Hegmann

Hegmann had a specific guideline he asked athletes to follow when posting pictures.

"It's kind of ironic, but I ask them as a guideline not to post anything that you would be embarrassed to see on the front page of a newspaper," he said. "It's really kind of prophetic."

Although the women's basketball pictures in question were posted in April of 2005, Hegmann insisted athletes were lectured on hazing even at that time.

Hazing has been a particular point of emphasis in recent years as the NCAA has come across several incidences of hazing at other schools that have resulted in serious injury or death.

According to Hegmann, although the NCAA does not have specific rules or sanctions against hazing, it does recognize the consequences.

Many athletes on campus have also become

more aware of the potential dangers since the hazing allegations surfaced.

Sophomore soccer player Aly Lanewala created the Facebook group "Please Don't Take A Picture of Me, I'm An Athlete" in response to all the media attention.

According to Lanewala, while the group of 331 and growing was meant to be funny, it also has a serious message.

"Even though we are college students, we are put under a microscope for being athletes," she said. "We are told to represent the University on and off the field, which is a responsibility that we all accepted by joining the team."

Lanewala added that while athletes enjoy socializing like most college students, it doesn't mean they are breaking University policy.

"If we are in pictures that have beers or solo cups or anything of the sort, it can be easily construed that we are the ones that were drinking," she said. "It's absurd."

Sophomore soccer player Kelley Hardgrove agreed, acknowledging a heightened sense of awareness.

"From the beginning athletes are warned to be cautious, and now the level of caution is increasing."

Although Hegmann agreed that educating hazing has always been an issue of importance, he also recognized room for improvement.

"I came away from that meeting [with women's basketball players] thinking, I wonder if we as coaches are somehow fostering this notion that there are levels of hazing," he said.

According to Hegmann, the key is getting athletes to understand that hazing of any form is not permitted at the University.

Lauren "Beast" Boston: Illegally Boxing Out Since 2002

By **LAUREN BOSTON**
Sports Editor

After writing about everyone else for the last two years, I thought it was time you knew a little about me.

Athletic History: I played softball and basketball in high school and soccer on rec teams.

Favorite Sports Team: My heart will always belong to the Charlotte Hornets of the Larry Johnson, Mugsy Bogues era. I was very proud of an embroidered Charlotte Hornets sweater I found at a QVC outlet in seventh grade.



Needless to say, I ate alone a lot that year.

Favorite Sport To Watch: Football. I'm from Maryland so I'll never stray from the Ravens, especially this year. The Orioles are another story (I no longer go to Camden Yards for the game itself, but for the pit beef).

Nicknames As An Athlete: Babe (after Babe Ruth because I was a powerful hitter), Beast (at 5'7", I was forced as a forward to box out)

Worst Sports Memory: Getting cut from the Varsity basketball team my senior year in high school. On the plus side, I got to watch Oprah everyday.

Best Sports Memory: The Ravens winning the Superbowl. My dad drove my mom, my brother and me around the neighborhood in our pajamas as people celebrated, New Year's Eve style, with noise makers and all.

Most Embarrassing Sports Moment: Sophomore year on Varsity softball I was playing third base and there was a runner on third. I had just finished basketball season with a coach who was insistent we box out

(we were pulled out of games and forced to do push ups on the sideline if we didn't do it). The girl on third attempted to steal home and, still in basketball mode, I started boxing her out so she couldn't run. Not good times.

Sports Guilty Pleasure: I used to be a huge fan of ice skating (yes, it is a sport), although that Tanya Harding debacle seriously put a damper on things. The low point for me came after I went to see the Icecapades in Baltimore, waited out back for the iceskaters and chased Brian Boitano two blocks for an autograph. In my defense, a famous athlete is a famous athlete, glittery one-piece costumes aside.

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News

Tim Russert Addresses Fredericksburg Forum

By KAY BOATNER
Staff Writer

Tim Russert loves the news. "I'm a junkie... I watch everything and read everything," he said last Wednesday evening in Dodd Auditorium. "I want to get a sense of the way that other people are performing their jobs as journalists."

Speaking in front of a crowd of over 1,200 as part of the Fredericksburg Forum, Russert, moderator of the television program "Meet the Press," discussed a broad range of topics including the political landscape of the United States and the war on terrorism, in addition to his dedication to journalism.

Along with working on "Meet the Press," Russert, who lives in Washington D.C. with his wife and son, anchors his own weekly show, "The Tim Russert Show," and contributes to "The Today Show" and "NBC Nightly News." He also authored two New York Times best sellers.

The University paid Russert \$50,000 to appear at Dodd Auditorium, according to Louise Morton, assistant director of events for The Fredericksburg Forum.

Douglas Gately, professor of jazz studies at the University, provided pre-forum entertainment by playing the piano as audience members arrived for the program.

After J. William Poole, rector of the University's Board of Visitors, opened the program, Frank Sesno, professor of media and public affairs at George Washington University introduced Russert.

"The precision of his questions and the knowledge and research behind them are truly unique," said Sesno, himself a journalist of more than 25 years.

Russert covered a wide array of topics, from humorous anecdotes regarding baseball player Yogi Berra, to his involvement with the Greater Washington Boys and Girls Club in Washington D.C. The main point of his speech, however, was the political landscape both in the United States and abroad.

Russert began by stressing that he could not discuss the current state of affairs in the United States without referencing an event in the past that led the nation to where it is today. According to Russert, the Sept. 11 attacks had a profound impact on his life.

"I was moved... not only as a journalist, but as a human being. All Americans were impacted that day," he said. "I'm an American; I don't want to

see my fellow citizens die."

According to Russert, 9/11 is responsible for making the war on Iraq a constant debate in the United States.

"I know people who are for this war and I know people that believe the war in Iraq is hurting the war on terrorism," Russert said.



On Oct. 4, "Meet the Press" moderator Tim Russert spoke to a sold-out audience in Dodd Auditorium.

"Unity is what we need. I talk to people in all states, and whether it is a blue state or a red state, they ask 'Why can't we all come together?'"

This spirit of unity is what Russert believes will help the country through its war on terrorism. "These problems are present and serious and it will take all of us together to work on them," he said at the conclusion of his speech.

After Russert's speech, Sesno moderated a question and answer session in which Russert answered previously submitted audience questions.

Some of the questions about his popular political program included how he felt about the guests that appear on his show.

"Do I sometimes feel like leaning over and strangling the guest? Yes!" Russert said. "You just want them to give you an answer."

An audience member then asked who writes the questions for "Meet the Press."

"I do," Russert said. "I research everything. I will never do an interview wishing I had spent another half-hour researching."

When asked which of his interviews had been the most difficult for Russert to conduct, he answered, "Interviewing the president is always difficult. You want to be respectful, but precise in getting information."

Sesno then turned the topic from "Meet the Press" to the current state of political affairs in the U.S., beginning with the subject of Democratic and Republican opposition.

"Many people have stepped too far to the left or too far to the right and ended up polarizing the electorate," he said. "After studying both sides... I only end up confusing myself."

Though he does not side with a particular party, Russert did comment on who he feels has a good chance of becoming the Democratic and Republican presidential nominees.

"While the frontrunner for the Democrats may be Hillary Clinton, the person most likely to emerge as an alternative is John Edwards," Russert said.

For the Republicans, Russert believes John McCain has a good chance of receiving the nomination.

"McCain has spent the last eight years working with the president and establishing connections," Russert said.

Russert concluded the session by saying that while he is an active voter, he has not registered with any particular party to avoid bias issues.

Audience member Kyle Yardley, a 29-year-old Washington D.C. resident, was impressed with the program.

"I appreciated that Russert avoided showing preference to one political side over another... and he was funny," Yardley said.

Fellow audience member Evie Stanton, a sophomore at UMW, also enjoyed the speech.

"While nothing groundbreaking was discussed, I did like hearing such a well-respected journalist's point of view on some of today's current events," Stanton said.

With all of the talk of politics and elections, Sesno had a suggestion for Russert.

"You should be one of those candidates," he said to Russert, in reference to the upcoming presidential elections.

Russert accepted the comment with a laugh. "We all enjoy the game of politics," he said.

"I've been asked to do other things many times before, but I want to work on 'Meet the Press' now."

Combs Still Moldy

By WHITNEY MITCHELL
Staff Writer

On Monday afternoon, English professor Mara Scanlon looked at her dehumidifier and noticed the humidity level in her office in Combs was at 85 percent. She removed the tank containing a few gallons of water and carried it through the English, linguistics and speech department to the bathroom to empty it.

"Sometimes I get so tired of having to empty this tank that I ask another professor to carry it to the bathroom for me," she said.

Scanlon does this daily because of a humidity problem in Combs Hall first discovered at the end of the summer of 2005. According to the Occupational Safety and Health Administration, indoor humidity should be below 70 percent and ideally between 25 and 60 percent, according to the Occupational Safety and Health Administration.

However, over a year later, this issue has still not been completely remedied. Mold needs moist conditions, a food resource and warm temperatures. The spores are already in the air, according to biology professor Stephen Fuller.

Combs Hall reopened in 2002 after renovation and holds the English, linguistics and speech department as well as the departments of modern foreign languages and historic preservation.

The current heating/ventilating air-conditioning (HVAC) system does not provide adequate humidity control, according to John Wiltenmuth III, associate vice president of Facilities Services.

"We changed some of the HVAC parameters, installed dehumidifiers and increased the frequency of some preventive maintenance tasks," Wiltenmuth said.

The University installed twelve dehumidifiers during the summer and a few from the previous year are still in Combs. Since the dehumidifiers are not on their own electrical meter, the price of running these machines cannot be determined, according to Wiltenmuth.

To fix the problem, the University is working with MMM Design Group, an engineering firm based out of Norfolk, to find the possible causes of the mold and find a way to combat it.

Last summer, mold problems in Combs were

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UMW Ranks Highly In Men's Fitness

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that the fitness side of the survey should have been a physical one. "I could never imagine just telling a coach I was fit, I would have to prove it," Cox said.

"I feel like *Men's Fitness* should have added something in their survey that would require that kind of proof." *The Free Lance Star* interviewed Neal Boulton, the editor in chief of *Men's Fitness* and he states that the survey is a

program as well as the group exercise classes offered by the school. According to Liebau all these factors, including the information provided by Psychological Services and Student Health Services, contribute to the "attitude of wellness" on campus.

Assistant men's lacrosse Coach Nick Martino and former student is another member of the Mary Washington community who is thrilled by the rankings.

"I think it is impressive that Mary Washington set itself apart from the ongoing problem of obesity in this country," Martino said.

Like Liebau and Martino, Cedric Rucker, dean of students, is excited about the positive survey and believes it shows that the Mary Washington student body does a good job of balancing their lives.

"It is very positive; it shows that students take wellness seriously," Rucker said.

"The number of students that participate in athletics, intramurals, club teams and the volume of students

going to the fitness center is outstanding." According to the Liebau, this survey is just a precursor of what is to come.

"We haven't figured it out yet but we are headed in the right direction," Liebau said. Being included in that list is a testament to the fact that we are trying and we are moving that way and we are trying to get our students to move in the right direction."



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Students exercise together at the Fitness Center.

"common sense" study. "They provide a very balanced lifestyle within which anyone could exist, whether they're kind of cheating a little or in a fitness mode," Boulton said to *The Free Lance Star*.

Liebau attributes this ranking not only to Mary Washington's fitness center but also the school's intramural programs, club sports

Poole Takes On Role Of Rector For BOV

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lived in Fredericksburg for 45 years, his additional positions at the University include vice chair of the Finance Committee, chair of the Graduate and Professional Studies Committee, and member of the Executive Committee.

In the many years that he has lived in the area, Poole has spent a significant amount of time volunteering at UMW. In past years,

Poole served on the President's advisory council, which is made up of community leaders who provide input to the University president.

Poole's love for the University has made him a well-known and respected member of the community.

"This is a great university and I am proud to be part of it," he said. "Many University faculty and staff became personal friends during these years."

Poole plans to remain involved in activities at UMW in the future.

"I have always attended many of the University events, lectures, concerts, forums and social activities and still plan to," he said.

Poole is also extremely active in the Fredericksburg community. He is a former Chair of the Mary Washington Hospital Board of Directors, former Chair to the National Bank of Fredericksburg, a member of the Board of Directors Fredericksburg Area Museum, and the Secretary and board member of the Mary Washington Hospital Foundation.

In 2002, Poole retired from the Free-Lance Star Publishing Company, where he had worked as head of their broadcast operations for over 40 years. Though he has stepped down, he still serves as a member of the Free-Lance Star Publishing Company's Board of Directors.

In his role as a broadcaster, Poole served as the Vice Chair and member of the Board of Directors National Association of Broadcasters for six years, and the Chair of the Broadcast Education Association for one year. He also served as president of the Virginia Association of Broadcasters, and served seven terms on their Board of Directors.

Poole has been awarded many honors for the excellence he has shown in his career. In 1993 he was inducted into the Virginia Communications

Hall of Fame, and he also received the Virginia Broadcasters C.T. Lucy Award for outstanding service to broadcasting.

Additionally, he was awarded life membership into the Salvation Army, which he is currently a member of, as well the Boy Scouts of America.

The BOV welcomed two additional board members to the organization, including Xavier Richardson of Fredericksburg, vice president of Mediacorp Health Services, and Maureen Singer, a Richmond-based attorney and 1994 MWC graduate.

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—J. William Poole

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Underground Closes Amid Plans For Renovations, Expansion Of Services

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Staff Writer

While the Small Hairy Dudes musically explored the Washroom in the Woodard Campus Center on Sept. 15, they were forced to compete with the 11 o'clock news blaring overhead on one of the room's many televisions.

Students could hear commentator voices discussing a college football game as juniors Adam Holofcener and Matt Bradshaw engaged in a dialogue of drums and harmonica.

Thus went one of the first post-Underground concerts of the semester. As Will Copps, junior co-chair for Giant Productions looked around the room ten minutes before the show's start he said "I would say more than half the people in here right now are from Giant, but we're going to keep the doors open and hopefully attract people from the Eagle's Nest."

Projected two year renovations in Lee Hall, and the closing of the Underground, has resulted in the campus losing two performance spaces. Giant, the student-run booking agency for concerts and other campus performances, has been searching elsewhere across campus for places to play. According to Copps, the ultimate consequence means less shows for this, and most likely next, school year.

Sarah Eckman, senior co-chair of Giant, said that the organization planned 14 concerts at the Underground last year. In addition, Giant also used the venue for late night programs like bingo. The Underground staff also booked their own shows without Giant's involvement.

This year Giant isn't sure where they will be putting on their shows. Eckman feels the solution is to book larger acts in Dodd Auditorium or the Great Hall, drawing bands that would draw crowds larger than the Underground's capacity.

Those larger venues have housed several acts in the past few years including Motion City Soundtrack, Anthony Campbell, and Josh Groban.

Due to the temporary loss of the Underground, Giant Productions received a budget increase for this year.

Eckman said, "When we put in our budget request last spring, we took into account the fact that our smallest venue would be offline and asked for more money so we could afford acts that would draw 300-500 people to Great Hall."

Some students feel little or no connection to the Underground and admit that they have only descended its stairs once or twice. Warren Vogel, a senior, said "The only time I remember going in there was when they served some giant sub sandwiches."

Other students say that they have gone to the club for bingo night or the occasional movie showing and expressed frustration at the coffee bar not accepting EagleOne as payment.

"The campus is sort of being led away from the Underground since the Washroom opened refurbished," Eckman said.

Copps said that the core audience of the Underground is more of a school subculture, those few who attend all shows, whether as an audience member or as a performer. Sometimes they are there as both.

Holofcener is one of those people. One of his bands, The Ampersands, practiced on the Underground's stage every week last year. Holofcener and Copps are not only members of Giant. They also help run the University Sound Crew, whose major concern is now they must unload and move their sound equipment every time they have a concert or other event. The Underground always had a soundboard set up and

ready.

Most of that equipment is now in the Great Hall. Holofcener said, "We don't have a key to get in, and sometimes the police don't want to let us in there."

Holofcener is determined to take matters into his own hands. A day after the Washroom show, he hosted the band Silent Film Star to play a free show in the basement of Westmoreland Hall.

Erik Bruner-Yang, a fifth year and guitarist of the band Pash, also performed.

Pash consists of Mary Washington students and they played at the Underground's final show last spring.

According to Bruner-Yang, the band is still waiting to be paid for that final show.

When asked of the importance of the Underground, Bruner-Yang said, "The campus needs something like it, but it really hasn't been utilized since around fall of 2003."

Holofcener agreed, saying "Giant and The Underground should have been booking a show a week for the past two years. So many years ago there were people in charge...they weren't smarter than we are now, but they were savvy. You would expect people in Giant to be out there reading blogs and finding bands that would be willing to play."

Lee Cotton, newly hired director of OSACS, said that he is aware of the decline in Underground shows in recent years and feels that the renovation will help reverse that trend.

Cotton said "We're hoping to make it more user-friendly, more high tech, with updated audio visual equipment as well as lighting...the support systems that larger bands needed we just did not have." He added that he understands the

difficulty students and groups are going through with the minimized space, but assures that the building, when finished will be worth the time, money and effort.

"It's going to be a glorious facility that works more functionally," he said.

It may be glorious, but whether it will rock is another issue. According to the architect Einhorn Yaffee Prescott's floor plan for the new and improved Underground, there is no real space for a stage or a soundboard. The plans mainly emphasize the addition of booths and other efforts to maximize seating, with 166 seats total.

Pinnacle Engineering, which estimates the cost of the entire Lee Hall renovation at \$11.4 million, is a Charlottesville based small business. According to Pinnacle's website, it is working with the larger company Einhorn Yaffee Prescott which has a Washington D.C. location and has both designed and revamped buildings for Georgetown University, George Washington University, and Virginia Tech.

Another noteworthy focus in the floor plan is the paint colors to be used. Hues such as Asian Tiger (peach), Sahara (yellow) Passionata (red) and Blue Stone (actually more of a periwinkle) will be scattered across the room in an indecipherable pattern of geometric shapes.

Floor plans aside, it will be the current freshmen and sophomore students on campus who determine how the Underground will be run when and if it opens in fall of 2008.

"It all depends on who the student is on how it's going to be run," says Bruner-Yang "That's part of the college experience, having bands come. If you're not utilizing that then you're missing out."

Like Copps hoped before the show last Thursday, the room did fill up with at least 50 students. For Giant, the turnout was comforting. It proved that there are enough enthusiastic students to keep shows at Mary Washington from fading away.

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—Erik Bruner-Yang

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Mold Still Plagues Faculty, Students

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at their peak. Mold infested the basement, where Douglas Sanford, chair of the Historic Preservation department, described the worst of the problem.

"There was mold growing on chairs and books in the basement where we have our seminar room," Sanford said.

According to Fuller, mold grows on chairs and books because they are the food resources needed to make the fungus grow.

Faculty members who work in Combs were given the option to get dehumidifiers from Facilities services, which remove moisture in the air and decrease humidity levels.

Scanlon said saving her book collection was her main concern in choosing to have a dehumidifier in her office.

"I am an English professor, and I have thousands of dollars worth of books, some

irreplaceable," Scanlon said. "Initially I was afraid they would get moldy."

Along with Scanlon, linguistics professor Paul Fallon decided to get a dehumidifier for his office because a humidity gauge in his office regularly read 75 to 80 per cent humidity.

Fallon's first office had a mold problem and in consequence, he received a different office in Combs.

"It would be nice to be in a building without this problem, but it is only an inconvenience," he said. "The dehumidifier is about being vigilant to prevent problems."

Linguistics professor Judith Parker showed a similar goal of inhibiting mold growth with the dehumidifier. She decided to get a dehumidifier as a preventative measure against the mold.

Parker turned on her dehumidifier to measure the humidity level in her office. The level was at 75 percent. She does keep it on most of the

time but said that it is noisy. Fallon and Scanlon also said the sound was a drawback, especially when talking to students.

Faculty members cite emptying the water tanks during the summer as another disadvantage.

"I sometimes had to come in during the summer for the dehumidifier," Fallon said. "I would have to remember every few days after grocery shopping or other errands to go into the office to do this. A lot of us invest a large amount of our salaries in books and papers and would not want to lose them."

According to Wiltenuth, the problems are the most evident during the late summer, when not as many people move in and out of Combs.

When more energy efficient buildings started to be constructed, builders cut down the air-flow in buildings and re-circulated air already in the building. In consequence, this causes a higher

mold count, according to Fuller.

Along with destroying paper products, mold can also cause major health problems. Health concerns run the gamut depending on how sensitive a person is to mold. People can have asthma-like and flu-like symptoms. Mycotoxins, poisonous toxins found in mold, can also make a person sick, according to Fuller.

"It can be discovered if someone has a mold allergy in a building if they go on a vacation and seem to get better," Fuller said.

"The ELS department used to be in Chandler where you could see the mold," Scanlon said. "We were happy to be moved to Combs, but there are problems here too."

Mold growth has been a concern throughout the years at UMW, with George Washington Hall suffering similar problems. GW underwent renovations to fix the problem.

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The Alma Boliviana group performs native dances before the crowd of the Colores de UMW Festival in front of Lee Hall on Wednesday, Oct. 11. The Festival featured dancing, music, free food and prizes, was put on the Spanish and Latin-American Student Association and was part of the Latino Identities celebration.